

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, RH, BC  
SUBJ: RHODESIAN PROBLEMS WITH BOTSWANA

REF: PRETORIA 5874

1. FOR THE RECORD HAROLD HAWKINS INFORMED ME THIS MORNING THAT INFORMAL TALKS BETWEEN RHODESIAN AND BOTSWANAN OFFICIALS HAD COME TO AN END. HE SAID THAT AT THE FIRST MEETING ON JANUARY 4 WHICH HAD GONE REASONABLY WELL THE SOUTH AFRICAN SIDE HAD PROPOSED THREE MEASURES TO AVOID REPETITION OF INCIDENTS. THESE WERE: JOINT PATROLS, A HOT LINE BETWEEN THE TWO CAPITALS TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS, AND PERIODIC CONSULATIONS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. THE BOTSWANA SIDE HAD NOT BEEN IN A POSITION TO TAKE ANY DECISIONS BUT AGREED TO CONSULT PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA AND RESPOND AT THE SUBSEQUENT SESSION.

2. THE TWO SIDES MET AGAIN AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT ON JANUARY 14 HAWKINS REMARKED THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING ANOTHER INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED AND THIS HAD PROMPTED SIR SERETSE TO DECIDE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO FURTHER "POLITICAL" MEETINGS AFTER THE ALREADY SCHEDULED SECOND SESSION. THIS WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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CONDUCTED AT A LOWER LEVEL THAN THE FIRST AND SERVED NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOTSWANANS TO RELAY SIR SERETSE'S DECISION.

3. HAWKINS OBSERVED THAT CONTACTS AT THE CID LEVEL WERE NOT RULED OUT BUT WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE UTILITY OF THESE.

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